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### **Huon Valley Community Awards**

The Huon Valley Council has agreed to change the name of its Australia Day Awards to Huon Valley Community Awards.

The awards will be celebrated during National Volunteer Week in May.

The calling of the awards on Australia Day has in the past restricted people from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities from nominating.

“Changing the name of the awards will ensure no community members are excluded. Our hope is that all members of the community will feel welcome to nominate others and attend the event,” Mayor Doyle said.

“With the Huon Valley Council’s Volunteer Service Awards presented in May, there are benefits from aligning the two awards presentations and conducting them both during National Volunteer Week. We expect that this will result in an increase in nominations.”

Huon Valley Council will continue with four award categories, namely Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Community Event or Community Group Initiative of the Year; and Sporting or Club Achievement of the Year.

Mayor Doyle highlighted that the awards have been running for 27 years and have formed an important part of the formal recognition of the many volunteers who contribute to community life in the Huon Valley.

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